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Junior Women's Clubs Will Hold Joint Meeting, Jan. 16

Agawama Junior Women's Club will hold a joint meeting with the Ramopogue Junior Women's Club Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, at 8 in the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam. The business meetings will be conducted by the presidents of each club, Mrs. Louis Mercadante, Agawam Junior and Mrs. Gary Lockwood, Ramopogue Juniors. A short film will be shown on the General Federation convention held in San Francisco last year.

Honored guest of the evening will be representatives of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Clarence Clark, president; Mrs. Richard Averill, director of Junior memberships and Mrs. Paul Congdon, 3rd; vice-president and counselor to Junior membership.

Fun night will be the theme of the evening Mrs. Douglas Kerr, program chairman, for the Agawam Juniors and Mrs. Gordon Meron, program chairman,

for the Ramopogue Juniors, will conduct the affair. Mrs. Donald Laviolette will be the commentator of the evening. Mrs. George Rosner refreshment hostess and her committee will serve.

UNICO Plans Macaroni Dinner

Gino Rossi, president of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National, announced today that Feb. 15, has been selected as the date for the annual UNICO macaroni dinner.

Charles R. Calabrese and Joseph Ferrari are cochairmen. Mr. Calabrese announced that the dinner will be held at the Agawam Junior High School with continuous servings from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Committee assignments will be announced next week by Joe Ferrari and all UNICO members have been supplied with tickets.

Hermans Completes CG Basic Training



MARK S. HERMANS

Cape May, N. J. (FHTNC) — Seaman Apprentice Mark S. Hermans, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hermans of 274 Cooper St., Agawam, has graduated from eight weeks of basic training at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center here.

Guided by experienced Coast Guard senior petty officers during his training he studied the fundamentals of such military and naval subjects as seamanship, infantry drill, shipboard procedures, and at-sea survival techniques. The basics of military customs and courtesies, and familiarization with the Coast Guard's mission and responsibilities polished the skills he needed to make the transition from civilian to Coast Guardsman.

The Coast Guard is part of the Transportation Department, and is the United States' major maritime safety organization.

Rosary Altar Society Serves Supper Tues.

Members of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will serve a home cooked Spaghetti Supper at the American Legion Hall on Springfield St., Tuesday evening, Jan. 16th. Servings will be from 5 until 7.

The menu will consist of spaghetti and meat balls, buns, salad, coffee and dessert.

Tickets for adults and children may be obtained at the rectory, any society member or at the door.

Avionics Student



PFC DAVID LABRANCH

Marine Private First Class David LaBranch has returned to Memphis, Tenn., where he is attending school in Avionics, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond LaBranch of 22 Spencer St., Agawam.

State Urged To Establish "Senior Service Corps"

Of 878 bills for the 1968 legislature filed with the clerk of the Senate this week, one establishing a "Senior Service Corps" within the state Commission on Aging has won preliminary approval from several sources, a commission spokesman said today.

John T. Sweeney, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Commission on Aging, praised Senate President Maurice A. Donahue and Senator Samuel Harmon of Boston for "recognizing the urgent need for the type of service that can be provided older citizens of Massachusetts through enactment of this proposal."

Representatives of golden age clubs and senior citizen organizations have already informed Sweeney they are prepared to "enlist whatever support necessary to win approval in the General Court for this measure."

Individuals over 60 could receive up to \$1,500 for part-time employment and use of their par-

ticular skills and talents, according to provisions of the bill filed by the senate president and the chairman of the Public Service committee.

Sweeney said the measure would make full use of existing Federal and State financial resources to provide funds for programs "badly needed in nearly every Massachusetts community to help make life easier for those now hampered by low income and fixed-income status."

The Massachusetts Commission on Aging official said the proposal was "not unlike" a measure to establish a Senior Service Corps within the framework of the Federal government in Washington.

Valley Church Public Spaghetti Supper Jan. 27

The Friendly Circle of the Valley Community Church will serve a public Spaghetti Supper at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria on January 27th. Sitings will be continuous from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu will consist of spaghetti with homemade sauce and two meatballs (for those who cannot have tomato sauce, we will substitute butter), tossed salad, Italian bread and butter, jello with whipped cream, coffee, tea or milk.

Tickets for adults are \$1.50, children under 12—\$1, and children under 5 free. For reservations call Mrs. Margaret Bowden, ST 8-0105 or Mrs. Lloyd Allen, ST 8-0035.

Catholic Women's Club Sponsors Stage-West Play

The Ways and Means Committee of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is sponsoring a play at Stage-West on Sunday, Feb. 18th. Stage-West, located in the Horace Moses Building on the Exposition Grounds, presents a romantic setting with its red plush seats purchased from the old Metropolitan House assuring the utmost in comfort. The proximity of the seats to the stage effects a closeness between actors and audience creating an intimate theatre experience not usually found when attending the theatre.

The play to be presented is The Entertainer by John Osborne, a modern thought-provoking classic set in 1951 wherein an old time vaudevillean reminisces about events which occurred during his past in a period paralleling the Suez crisis. Many comedy lines are also intermixed in the story. The leading role will be played

by Donald Davis who is a featured star at the Stratford, Ontario Shakespearean Festival.

The theatre can accommodate 400 people and the deadline for tickets is Jan. 16th. This affair is open to the public and tickets must be obtained from a committee member.

Honorary chairman is Mrs. Alexander Toczko. Mrs. Gerald (Please Turn To Page 2)

Holy Family Charity League To Open '68 Season Tuesday

Agawam Guild, Holy Family League of Charity will hold its first meeting of 1968 at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield on Tuesday, 16th. Members of the guild and their families observed Holy Family Feast Day on the 6th by receiving Communion with their families in their respective churches.

Cards will be enjoyed following the business session under the supervision of Mrs. Grace Lotherop, Mrs. Patrick Niles and Mrs. Roger Poirier. Reports will be heard from Mrs. Louis Bonfitto, membership chairman; Mrs. Cyril Boldue will report on the By-Laws and Miss Josephine Lango, financial secretary will make a mid-year report. An attendance award will be presented at 8:15 p.m. Members are asked to be present by that time.

Other events scheduled for the second half of the club year are a Valentine party at Storowton Tavern on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at which time members may bring a guest with them. On March 19, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Bedard will present a program of slides and a talk on their recent trip to the Holy Land. The Bedards have made three trips to the Holy Land. Election of officers will be held on April 24 and installation of officers will take place on May 21. An informal meeting will be held in June which will close the 67-68 Guild year.

Plans will be formulated at the January meeting for the annual card party sponsored by the Guild. The party will be held on (Please Turn To Page 2)

Community Grange Meeting Tuesday

The next meeting of Community Grange will be held Jan. 16th at the Grange Home on North West St., Feeding Hills, at 8 o'clock. The usual business meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

The lecturer's program will feature Benjamin Franklin, whose birthday falls on the 17th of January. With special emphasis on thrift, members are asked for quotes from "Poor Richards Almanac." Brief glimpses of this great man's life will be reviewed by Ellsworth Bostwick describing his inventions, Miss Elsie Johnson speaking on his interest in education and career in printing and Cyrus Chapin telling of his status as a great statesman. A debate will follow these brief biographical sketches in which Mrs. Edith Bostwick and Miss Florence Blish will oppose Wesley Thayer and Clarence Holloway on the advantages of investing money in stocks rather than buying real estate.

A social hour with refreshments (Please Turn To Page 2)

Income Tax Course To Start Wednesday

An income tax course will start January 17 at 8:30 p.m. at the senior high school, Cooper St. Instructor for the course for the second year will be Rudy Altobelli, tax consultant for a national income tax corporation and a member of the Agawam Adult Evening School faculty. A registration fee will be accepted at the opening meeting.

The course will run for four weeks with emphasis on the preparation of individual, state and federal income tax returns. The course will cover exemptions and dependents, pensions and annuities, dividends, capital gains, sale of personal residence, medical and other deductions.

Benevolent Society Program Monday

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will meet Monday evening, Jan. 15th for their regular monthly meeting in the social hall at the rear of the church. Miss Florence Blish will speak and show slides of her recent trip to Europe, the Holy Land and Africa.

A social hour will follow the meeting. All ladies of the church are cordially invited to be present.

Judith Robbins Joins Shaw Associates

Miss Judith Robbins of 233 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, has joined Lewis A. Shaw Associates, Springfield public relations and advertising agency, as media director. In her new capacity, she will be responsible for media contacts and schedules, production coordination, and servicing agency accounts.

Miss Robbins has 12 years of experience in the advertising, public relations, fund-raising and broadcast fields. Her past affiliations include the Charles Sheldon Agency, Mt. Snow Development Corp., Wesson Hospitals' United Building Fund, Northeast Radio Network, Stations WNAC and WHDH, Boston, and Better Homes for Springfield, Inc.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Ronald Ashton, Lay Leader
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mary Alexander,
Youth Choir Director
Sandra Garfield,
Church Secretary

Thursday — 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cadettes meet.

Friday — 6:15 p.m. Bowling tams at West Side.

Saturday — 10:15 Service at Orchard Manor Rest Home; 11 a.m. Service at East Longmeadow Nursing Home; 8 p.m. Couple's meet at church and return to Ed and Ann King's house.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. The church at worship. Nursery for infants. Church School in session through grade six; 3 to 4 p.m., Friendly Visitor Program at Wesley Methodist Church; 6:30 p.m. Youth groups meet at church; 6:30 p.m. Parents Orientation for "Fit To Be Tied" program at the Agawam Baptist Church; 6:45 p.m. Informal Worship Service.

Monday — 6:30 p.m. Junior Choir practice; 7 p.m. Board of Trustees meet; 7:30 p.m. official board meeting.

Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir practice; 7 p.m. Nominations committee meet.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Missions and Christian Social Concerns Commissions meet; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary

Thursday—7:30 p.m. Choir to rehearse at church.

Friday—7:30 p.m. Religious Education Committee meet at home of Miss Jennette Bodurtha, Elm St.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. Rev. Lockhart will preach the morning worship service. . . . Choir will sing and the Pastor will talk with the children; 6 p.m. meet in Bodurtha Hall; 7 p.m. Junior High and Senior BYF's Parents of young people in the town interested in the "Fit to be Tied" program will meet at church.

Monday—8 p.m. Amicitia Circle meet at home of Mrs. Alexander Buiniskas, Raymond Circle.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club meet at Bodurtha Hall for their supper meeting; 6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Friday—4 p.m. Pastor's Class
7 p.m. Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship and Church School, Nursery thru 6th Grade; 10 a.m. Church School, Grade 7 through 12th; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship and Church School, Nursery thru 6th Grade.

Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Senior High Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Friday — 7:30 p.m. Church School staff meeting.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. Church School Classes; 11 a.m. Worship with Communion; 6 p.m. Youth Groups meet in Griswold Hall; 7:30 p.m. Orientation for Parents "Fit To Be Tied" Program at Agawam Baptist Church.

Monday—8 p.m. Benevolent Society meeting in Griswold Hall.
Wednesday — 7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday—9 a.m. CCD classes, grades 1 to 6; Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Monday—CCD classes for all students in grades 7 thru 12 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

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¼ teaspoon salt	¾ cup chopped pecans
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½ cup miniature marshmallows	

In a 2 or 3-quart saucepan combine sugar, butter, salt and evaporated milk. Stirring constantly, bring mixture to a full rolling boil over medium heat. Continue boiling and stirring for a full 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add marshmallows, chocolate, vanilla and pecans. Stir vigorously or beat with spoon until marshmallows and chocolate are melted and smoothly blended. Turn into buttered 8-inch square pan. When candy is cold, cut into squares. Makes about 2 pounds.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Senior choir practice at the church.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second St.
West Springfield, Mass.
Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor

Sunday — 9:45 a.m., Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m., morning worship service. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m., evening service

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Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa Novena Devotions

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"
Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

Sunday — 10 a.m. Morning Worship and Sunday School in Boeder House.

Wednesday — 7p.m. Choir rehearsal.

Thursday — 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Holy Family . . .

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Wednesday, April 24. Chairmen and subcommittee chairmen will be announced.

Chancellor, Mrs. Alfred Trehy will open the meeting with the Holy Family prayer. Gifts of the month for the children at Our Lady of Providence Home are diapers, slippers or bathrobes for boys or girls. Transportation to the meeting may be made by contacting Mrs. Thomas Danford of South Park Terr. New members are welcome to join. There are no dues to become a member.

Catholic Women . . .

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Girard is chairman and Mrs. David Gallano co-chairman. They will be assisted by the following club members: Mrs. Hugo Ambrogio, Mrs. Philip Barlow, Mrs. Theodore Beck, Mrs. Charles Beshaw, Mrs. Nicholas Borrello, Mrs. Thomas Casello, Mrs. Gerald Cleary, Mrs. Roger Cloutman, Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. Timothy Collins, Mrs. Douglas Daubney, Mrs. Norbert DeMont, Mrs. Alfred Dugan, Mrs. James Fenton, Jr., Mrs. Roland Filiault, Mrs. Herbert Fuller, Mrs. William LeClere, Mrs. George Metzger, Mrs. William Monahan, Mrs. J. Paul Morin, Mrs. John Morin, Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., Mrs. Armand Phaneuf, Mrs. Bernard Tatro, Mrs. Joseph Trzcinski, Mrs. Patrick Vassallo and Mrs. Edgar Wilson. Mrs. John Shea is handling publicity.

Community . . .

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ments will follow the program. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Burt are co-chairmen of the refreshment committee assisted by Mrs. Adena Pigeon and Mrs. Beatrice Dougie.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 13th, Community Grange will be host to Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange. The regular business meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock. The program is in charge of Earl Cook, Thomas Colthart and Raymond Bush and is "Past Master's Night."



A Clean Sweep

Makeup removal has come a long way since Dad's order that you "wipe that junk off your face" left you no choice but to scrub till your skin was raw.

Nowadays there are several ways to take it off. Many fledglings follow in Mama's footsteps and slather themselves in cold cream, little reasoning that while her skin benefits from the emollient, young women don't need to clog their pores with the greasy grown-up stuff. Some gals use an astringent mixture which piquantly sweeps off some makeup but makes your eyes look like you've peeled onions for hours.

There are some lazy types (not you, of course) who go to sleep with their makeup on (fie!)—and merely repair the damage the next morning. But because makeup mixes with facial perspiration, city soot, and country dust, the clean sweep that gets the cloggy mess off is an absolute law for the ladies.

The best way to make a clean sweep is with a gentle gel of specially formulated makeup remover. Tussy, in their new cosmetic line called Real Girl—dedicated to the proposition that Young Women are Very Special Indeed—have an oh-so-gentle yet oh-so-effective gel that whisks away accumulated makeup in one fell swoop. And because it's not greasy, it's easily washed away with water. A rapid once-over lightly with Real Girl Gel will make you the Fresh Young Thing you deserve to be.

Just like an artist starts with a fresh canvas, when you prepare yourself for the pretty "paint-up," you'll want to have the cleanest face around. The best combo is still a swish of tissue, a jug of gel—and Wow!

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WAABI January Program 'Today's Decorating Trends'

The first meeting of the 1968 season of the Springfield Chapter, Women's Association of Allied Beverage Industries, Inc., will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, instead of the previous announced date of Jan. 16. Mrs. Theodore Machnik, chairman of the month, has chosen the Brass Rail in Chicopee as the site. A social hour at 7 will be followed by the business session at 8. Dessert and coffee will follow the meeting.

Mrs. Georgiana Genovese, interior decorator from Flahive Decorating Shop, Westfield, will lecture on "Decorating Trends of Today." Presenting an entire line of samples of fabrics, draperies, rugs, wallpaper, and carpeting, she will discuss the color coordination for the home today, along with the trends in furniture. The basic personality of the woman is expressed in the interior decoration of her home. Mrs. Genovese is a resident of Westfield, a graduate of Westfield High School, and mother of two children. She received her degree from the Chicago School

of Decorating, and lectures throughout the Western Massachusetts area.

Another highlight of the evening will be an outstanding film on Father Don Murray's "Sky Ranch for Boys," with Mrs. Edward C. Murphy, past president, giving an accompanying talk. The ranch is a rehabilitation project close to the hearts of all WAABI's, and any underprivileged, homeless, or wayward youth, regardless of race, religion or past indiscretions is accepted for rehabilitation.

January has been designated as bonus month for members of the chapter who have attended four out of five meetings of the year. Members eligible may attend this meeting at no charge. A short business meeting will be presided by Mrs. Paul Kirkiteles, chapter president.

Cashiers for the evening will be Mrs. Joseph Starzyk and Mrs. Russell Mawdsley. Reservations may be made by contacting either Mrs. Machnik or Mrs. Terrence O'Donnell, both of Holyoke.

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Westfield Savings Bank's Assets Show '67 Increase

Assets of the Westfield Savings Bank showed an increase of \$3,876,061 during the year ended Dec. 31, 1967, to reach the record high figure of \$53,710,345. Arthur W. Knapp, president, told the semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees at the Sheraton Inn Monday night. Henry F. Burrows, chairman of the board, presided.

The trustees declared dividends of 4 1/2 per cent on regular savings accounts and 5 per cent on special notice accounts. These dividends, payable on Jan. 10, total \$1,035,000 and are the highest ever paid by the bank in a six-month period. Monday night's declaration brings the dividend paid to savers during the year to more than \$2 million.

Mr. Knapp told the meeting that savings deposits on Dec. 31 were at the record figure of \$46,957,299. The deposit increase for the past year was \$2,865,092, and for the last three months of the year the increase was \$1,060,386. Westfield Savings Bank has approximately 30,000 depositors.

Real estate loans on Dec. 31 were also at an alltime high, the Westfield Savings Bank president said, totaling \$39,826,110. The increase in real estate loans was \$3,080,459 for the full year, and the increase for the three months preceding Dec. 31 was \$1,356,369.

Mr. Knapp said the demand for mortgage loans remains "very high," and added: "Although mortgage money will continue to be relatively tight, I am confi-

dent there will be adequate funds for home mortgage financing."

He told the trustees that construction of the new Westfield Savings Bank office on Main St. in Agawam is continuing at a satisfactory rate and the office is scheduled to open for business some time in the early spring.

Catholic Women's Club To Hear Decorating Program Monday

On Monday, Jan. 15th, the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold their first meeting of the new year in St. John's Church Hall at 8:30. Mr. Alvin C. Chase will present a program on "Decorating for middle income families" after which there will be a question period.

Mr. Chase is a graduate of the Business and Art School in Pinsk, Poland, and of the New York School of Interior Design in New York City. He has served Springfield and surrounding area residents in the capacity of interior designer for the past 20 years.

Mrs. John Glogowski is chairman of the program. In charge of hostesses will be Mrs. Edgar Wilson, assisted by committee members, Mrs. Charles Beshaw, Mrs. Alfred Dugan, Mrs. Herbert Fuller, Mrs. Bruno Grabowski, Mrs. Bernard LeDuc, Mrs. Henry Madden, Mrs. Francis Sloboda, Mrs. Bernard Tatro and Mrs. Patrick Vassallo.

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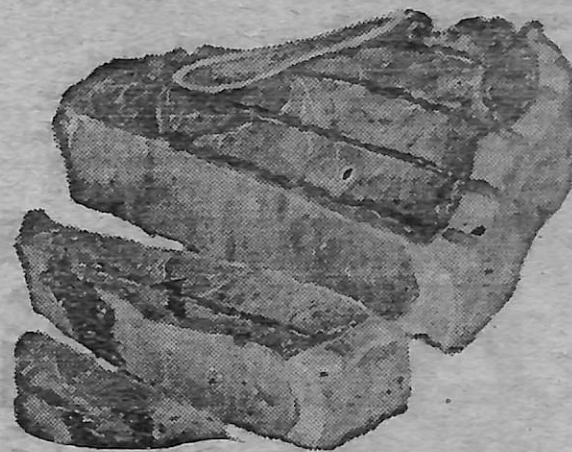
THE STIGMATINE FATHERS ANNOUNCE RETREAT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

The Stigmatine Fathers will conduct a retreat for engaged couples over the weekend of February 2-4, 1968, at the Espousal Retreat House in Waltham, Mass.

These retreats, which have been successfully conducted for the past several years, begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday afternoon. They are intended for couples who are seriously considering marriage in the foreseeable future and are concerned with preparing for a Christian marriage. Those of all denominations and of mixed faiths have made these retreats in the past and are most welcome in the future.

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Retirement Delayed

New York
"We just don't think we are ready to settle down," explained Dr. Frank W. Herriott, 74, as he and his wife, 73, left by plane to begin a two-year Peace Corps assignment in Africa.

The couple, said to be the two oldest members in the Peace Corps, were among 70 volunteers who left Kennedy International Airport Dec. 27 on a flight to Amsterdam. The group is enroute to assignment in Lesotho, formerly Basutoland, in southern Africa.

Dr. Herriott recommended the Peace Corps for retired people. "It gives you a sense of accomplishment," he said. "The only

tough thing is learning new languages."

"It's not so bad," his wife stated. "We had better scores than some of the younger ones."

The Old Timer



"Some after-dinner speakers are so windy they should be called gusts of honor."

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NAVY AND WHITE checked wool is a perfect choice for this suit, sparked by its own white blouse. Well put together and a joy to wear, this smart classic can easily become a favorite in your Spring wardrobe.

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TODAY'S AGRI-FACT

This is fine weather to serve chafing-dish specialties, which owe their popularity in this country to their popularity in the England of Queen Victoria and King Edward. On those days, oyster stews and Welsh rarebits were the rage, with young men-about-town making chafing-dish suppers a prime attraction for their dates. Chafing-dish specialties like Welsh Rabbit, chicken livers sauteed with green beans or lobster Newburg add an elegant touch to winter entertaining, and they are comparatively simple and quick to prepare. An especially timely dish is called "Snappy Eggs," and involves melting chunks of cheddar cheese in the top pan, adding cream of celery soup and snappy seasonings, plus hard-cooked eggs, quartered. It is served on toasted French bread.

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SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, baked luncheon loaf, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered green peas, dinner rolls w/butter, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Tuesday: Elbow macaroni w/tomato meat sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, cold cut grinder, (luncheon meat, bologna, cheese) sliced tomatoes and lettuce, peanut butter sandwich, prune spice cake w/butter icing, milk.

Thursday: Yankee pot roast in gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna salad w/spinach greens, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple upsidown cake, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Hamburg and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, chopped ham w/water roll, tossed salad, potato chips, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hot roast beef sandwich, French fries, strawberry short-cake, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on bun, candied sweet potato, fruit cup, peanut butter sandwich, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, cabbage carrot salad, butter cake w/blueberries, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, hamburger w/buttered roll, catsup, corn, peas, prune spice cake w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken rice soup w/vegetables, sliced meat sandwiches, carrot celery sticks, orange blossom cake, milk.

Wednesday: Baked noodles w/meat tomato sauce, cheese, green beans, bread/butter, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday: Mashed potatoes, meat balls w/brown gravy, sliced carrots, bread/butter, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna sail boats, tossed salad, potato chips, raisin bars, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, po-

tato chips, buttered beets, sliced pears, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, buttered wax beans peanut butter sandwich, apricots, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, cheese finger, buttered green beans, fruited spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Juice: roast turkey in gravy, mashed potato, peas/carrots, bread/butter, fruit, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish sailboats, cheese wedge, peanut butter sandwich, whole kernel corn, raspberry squares, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: chicken rice soup w/tomatoes, chopped meat salad sandwich, carrot sticks, cheese cube, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, grapefruit sections, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, beef pot pie w/biscuit topping, sliced beets, bread/butter, white cake w/chocolate sauce, milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti w/tomato meat sauce, buttered peas, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, apple crisps, milk.

Friday: Oven baked fish cake, baked beans, mixed vegetables, peanut butter sandwich, orange coffee cake, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered green beans, apple crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, chopped ham on water roll, potato sticks, buttered corn, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, cabbage salad, pineapple upsidown cake, milk.

Thursday: turkey casserole w/noodles, tossed green salad, bread/butter, orange wedges, milk.

Friday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, buttered carrots, apple, milk.

ROBINSON PARK

Monday: Italian spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, cabbage and carrot salad, bread/butter, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, hamburger on buttered bun, catsup, buttered green beans, cheese sticks, white cake w/pineapple cream, milk.

Wednesday: Tomato soup, turkey salad sandwiches, raw vegetables, cookies w/fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, bread/butter, fruited Jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Citrus juice, tuna fish salad sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, potato chips, tossed green salad, dessert, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Citrus juice, hamburger gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, peanut butter on rye bread, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday: Cranberry juice, cold cut grinders, (meat, cheese, lettuce) oven fried potatoes, citrus fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Baked shell macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, gratified cheese, buttered Vienna bread, fruit slaw salad, orange Jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Baked luncheon loaf glazed sweet potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, buttered biscuit, chocolate cake, milk.

Friday: Creamed tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, cabbage salad, celery sticks, fresh orange, cookie, milk.

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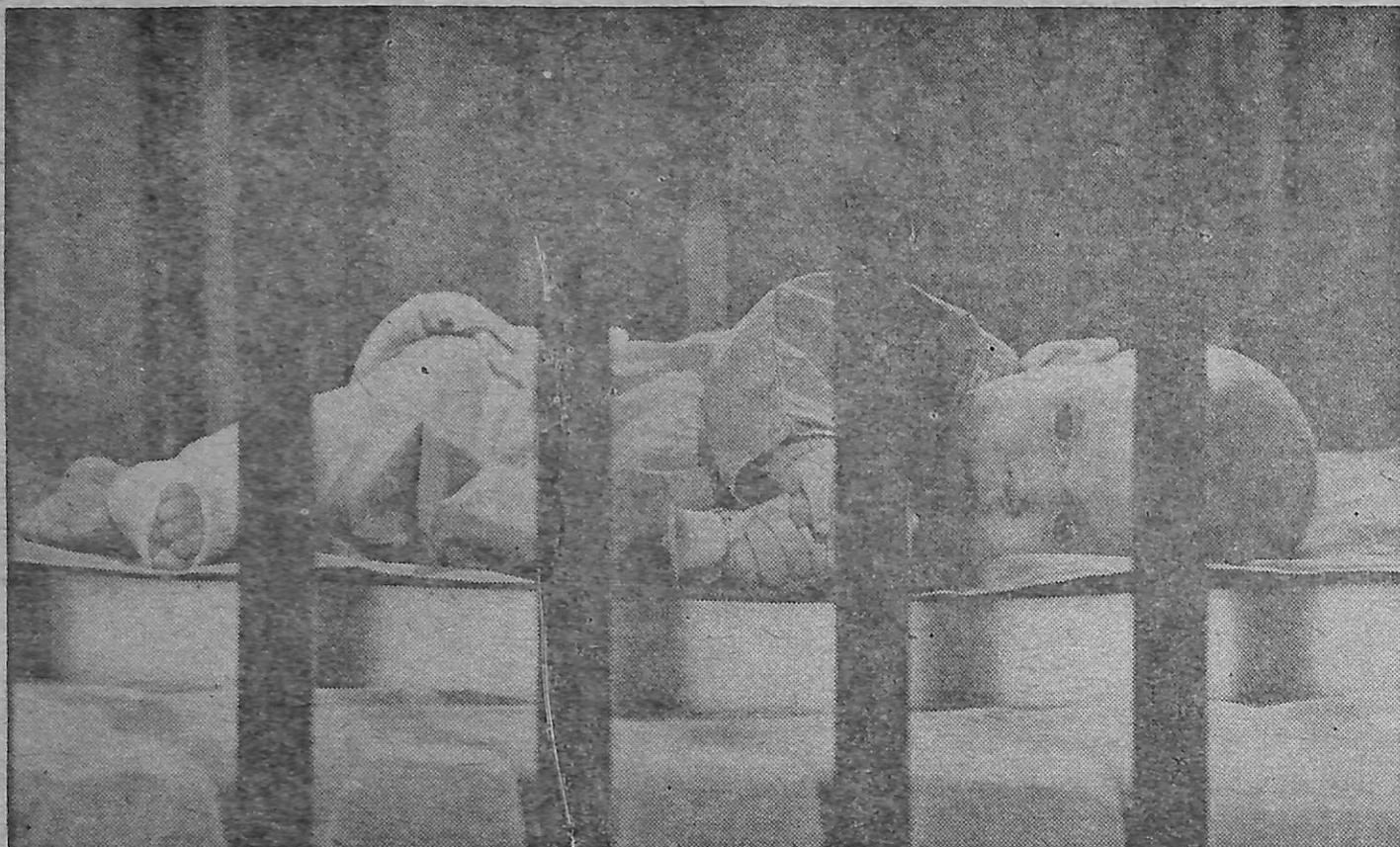
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By BILL CHIBA

The National Wildlife Federation has received two very substantial grants from two of the Nation's largest, most respected foundations — \$50,000 from the Sara Mellon Scaife Foundation and \$75,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pa. These funds will be used to expand the Federation's youth program.

One of the youth programs launched in January 1967, "Ranger Rick's Nature Club" is designed to teach children an awareness, understanding and appreciation of wildlife and other natural resources. Chief feature of the program is the full-color, 48 page "Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine," published 10 times per year and distributed to club members. Membership presently totals more than 75,000 young naturalists. The magazine contains a wide variety of feature articles and photo stories describing the life history and interesting facts about native wild birds, mammals, fish, insects and plants. It features conservation lessons specifically written and illustrated for sub-teenagers, plus instructions for a wide range of conservation projects and nature hobbies capable of being performed by children. With the assistance and advice of leading educators, the Federation's conservation education staff designed the program to help teachers and parents bring to children an understanding and appreciation of the Nation's soils, waters, plantlife and wildlife.

KEY-PUNCHED LOBSTER

Would you believe a lobster colony living, breeding, dying and getting caught for the dinner table—all within the confines of an electronic computer. It's happening in the quiet, coastal town of Kingston, R. I., or at least being simulated with an IBM/360 System at the University of Rhode Island. The simulation tests the effects of man's and

nature's laws on a typical lobster population and is turning up clues to the crustacean's habits, instincts, and behavior patterns. It has shown, for example, that laws protecting large lobsters actually reduce the total catch without effectively increasing the lobster population. Other studies performed through the use of the computer have revealed that lobsters are not wanderers, although egg-bearing females can be moved to other areas in order to start new colonies.

ELK TO BE SERVED

The Agawam Sportsmen's Club has ordered from the Wichita Mountains Wild Life Refuge and Elk which will be served at the annual game supper. Chick Basile, chairman of the dinner, has set the date of Feb. 6th for the gourmet's delight. Dinner will be served at 7 sharp.

Tickets are available at the club house on Corey Street, Agawam. They are limited so get yours early.

The Club is also going to hold another game supper in March and will feature Buffalo obtained from the same source as the Elk. We think that this is a first for this area.

The Sandisfield Rod and Gun Club will meet at the Agawam Sportsmen's Club Thursday, Jan. 11. Final plans will be made for the club's participation in the Sportsmen Show and a committee will be appointed to obtain white hare from New Brunswick for stocking in local covers. Mrs. Hill, chairwoman of the annual banquet, will make a report on the progress of her committee.

Western Bank Declares Dividend

Directors of Western Bank & Trust Company have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share, payable January 12 to stockholders of record Dec. 29, William A. Franks, Jr., president, said today. There are 28,000 shares of Western Bank stock outstanding.

Mr. Franks said this brings to 35 cents per share Western Bank's dividend declarations for the year 1967.

The Old Timer



"Unhappy is the head that always wears a frown."

March of Dimes Physician Demands More Science in Choice of Spouse

No one wants to rule out romance as the lure that leads boy and girl along the happy highway to love and marriage. But science should also play an important part in selecting a life-long mate.

So argues Dr. David B. Shurtleff, well known as a researcher in pediatrics and medical director of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Center at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle.

He feels more attention should be paid to the medical and genetic background of the boy who meets girl and vice versa. Today virtually the only medical test required for a marriage license in 46 of the 50 states is the Wassermann or some comparable test for syphilis.

Dr. Shurtleff believes a lot more attention should be paid to family pedigrees, metabolic studies, chromosome analyses and any other laboratory procedures that might disclose, in prospective fathers and mothers, hidden physical and mental traits likely to cause the birth of defective infants.

"If we don't establish these tests—and I am talking about mandatory tests—we're only kidding ourselves when we talk about our 'enlightened society,'" he declares.

"We Americans say we are a sensible, realistic people. We cannot justify procreating, year after year, tens of thousands of babies who are crippled, mentally damaged or suffer from inborn errors of metabolism."

"Please note that I am not saying that a couple should be forbidden marriage if their genetic and other prospects are unfavorable. But I want this



YOUNG PATIENT is tested by Dr. David B. Shurtleff, medical director of March of Dimes Birth Defects Center at University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle.

couple to know the unpromising odds, if these exist. Then, with their eyes open, they can decide to forget the whole thing, or marry and take their chances of having defective infants. They could also elect to adopt children.

"I believe that within a dec-

ade we will see certain states and various organizations embracing enlightened attitudes that will assist the medical profession in preventing certain catastrophic birth defects. For this I must pay tribute in part to the educational labors of the March of Dimes."

New Minimum Wage Requirements Set

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1966, Commissioner Rocco Alberto has issued the following mandatory order:

On Feb. 1, 1968, the minimum wage for employees within the scope of the Massachusetts Minimum Fair Wage Law (G. L., Ch. 151, as amended) will advance from \$1.40 per hour to \$1.60 per hour. This change will affect the service industries under mandatory minimum wage orders covering occupations in the following business establishments: Clerical, technical, & similar occupations; dry cleaning and laundry establishments; mercantile operations—both retail and wholesale; and personal services establishments—including beauty shops, barber shops, physical conditioning and weight control salons, etc.

In the amusement and recreation occupations, the \$1.60 rate will apply to employees other than ushers, ticket takers, and fair wage rates shall not be beticket sellers, whose minimum low \$1.00 per hour.

In the building service occupations the \$1.60 rate will apply to

employees other than those who are furnished with living quarters and whose basic work week is twenty-eight hours or more. Such employees shall be paid a wage of not less than \$36.00 per week.

In public housekeeping occupations, the \$1.60 minimum rate will apply to those employees who do not customarily receive gratuities. In the case of employees who do customarily receive gratuities the minimum will remain at the 93 cents hourly rate.

Employees engaged in manufacturing occupations, whether in the production of goods for interstate or intra-state commerce must, as of Feb. 1, 1968, be paid \$1.60 per hour.

Section 1-A of the Massachusetts Minimum Fair Wage Law provides that employees shall, with certain exceptions, receive one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty hours per week.

Chapter 718 (Sections 6, 7, and 10) of the Acts of 1967, requires that employees engaged in Agriculture and Farming shall

receive not less than \$1.35 per hour as of February 1, 1968. These occupations are exempted from overtime pay. Chapter 718 does not apply to members of the employer's immediate family.

For further information contact the Minimum Wage Office, 100 Cambridge Street, 11th Floor, Boston, Mass. 02202.

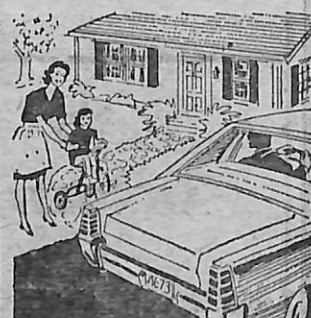
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USS DEWEY (DLG-14) (FH-TNC) — Electrician's Mate Third Class Alan A. Daigneau, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Daigneau of 18 Royal St., Agawam, is serving aboard the U. S. Seventh Fleet guided missile frigate USS Dewey off the coast of Vietnam.

The mission of the Dewey is the search and rescue of downed pilots, shore bombardment in support of land based troops, and coastal surveillance for enemy emplacements.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." — Lew Fons, Photo News, Hamburg, N. Y.

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Friday night, Jan. 12th, the Agawam Promenaders will welcome in the new year with a dance scheduled at the Robinson Park School. Guest caller will be Agawam's own Dick Mastrolanni. Dick, who first started dancing with the Promenaders too many years ago to mention, is one of the areas most popular M. C.'s. We are looking forward to squaring them up one again with Dick and his vivacious wife Winnie.

AGAWAM PROMENADERS BEWARE!!! The "Night Riders" have struck again!!! Reports are trickling in from many areas of their latest foul deeds. Reports have it that this demented group of Promenaders take malicious delight in dropping in unannounced late at night upon unsuspecting fellow members sensible enough to retire at a decent hour. Take in the welcome mat and lock your door — you might be next on their list.

At the Promenaders last meeting in '67, the following officers were elected: Charles and Rosemarie Nathan, secretary; Bob and Mary Adams, treasurer; Dale and Scottie Mushrush, refreshments and Doug and Beryl Shaylor, publicity.

Our special thanks to the outgoing officers who have done such an outstanding job over the past year: Bob and Maddy Dugan, Al and Elaine Taupier and Carl and Fran Link.

VWWI Card

Party Winners

The third game of the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening at the National Guard Armory on Maynard Street. Door prize winners were Pearl King, Mabel Miller, Ann Hyde and Adine Morley.

Mystery prize winners were Walter Haggerty, Adine Morley and Selina Beauchane. Ace prize for the ladies was won by Mildred Hamel and for the men, Lawrence Duclos.

High score winners were: Ladies—1st Mildred Hamel, 2nd Adine Morley, 3rd Mabel Miller, 4th Pearl King; Men — 1st Gaston Allard, 2nd Walter Haggerty, 3rd Lawrence Duclos and 4th Clarence Edwards.

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The Story Of Waffles

by Betty Crocker

Would you believe that the wonderful waffle was invented quite by accident? As the story goes, a 13th century crusader dressed in armor unwittingly sat on some freshly baked oat cakes. The cakes, of course, were flattened and marked by the links of the armor. No matter, the crusader spread the cakes with butter and ate them. The new link-design so delighted his wife that she insisted he don the armor weekly just to sit on her oat cakes. She renamed them "waffles," meaning flat honeycomb cakes. Now aren't you glad you're you? All you have to do is heat up the waffle iron to try these ideas below. They're especially nice for holiday breakfasts.

WAFFLES

2 cups Bisquick
2 tablespoons salad oil or melted shortening
1½ cups milk
1 egg

Beat all ingredients with rotary beater until smooth. Pour batter from cup or pitcher into center of hot waffle iron. Bake until steaming stops. Lift off waffle carefully with fork. Makes three 9-inch waffles. Or, try one of these appetizing varieties.

Cheese and Bacon Waffles: Follow recipe for Waffles (above) except — add ½ cup shredded sharp process cheese to Waffle batter. After pouring batter onto waffle iron, lay short strips of crisply fried bacon across the batter.

Nut Waffles: Follow recipe for Waffles except — add ¼ to 1 cup finely chopped pecans, peanuts or walnuts to Waffle batter.

Blueberry Waffles: Follow recipe for Waffles except — add 2 tablespoons sugar to Waffle batter. Gently fold in 1 cup firm fresh blueberries or drained canned blueberries.

To Freeze Waffles: Place waxed paper between waffles and wrap in aluminum foil. **To Reheat:** Place waffles in single layer in 400° oven 5 minutes, turning once. Or frozen waffles can be heated in toaster at lowest heat.

Vary the toppings, too. Dust with confectioners' sugar or cinnamon. Serve with maple or cherry-plum syrup, apricot jam, currant jelly, applesauce. Or try warm cranberry sauce.

"When you can think of yesterday without regret, and of tomorrow without fear, you are on the road to success."—Bill Trimble, The Ellicottville (New York) Post.

My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Representatives from various colleges are continuing to visit Agawam High School in order to acquaint AHS students with their schools. Next Tuesday, Dr. Cortland Richmond of Agawam will discuss "Optometry as a Career." This field has many opportunities for interested students.

One of the better schools for broadcasting is Cambridge School

of Business and Broadcasting. Speaking of the opportunities available at this school will be Mr. Charles Reynolds. Any student interested in becoming a disc jockey or television announcer should attend this conference. Good Luck Seniors . . . College Boards tomorrow!!

IRC

The International Relations Club will hold a very informative meeting in the near future. Speaker will be from Damascus, Syria. All members are welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS: Rehearsals for "South Pacific" are beginning . . . Basketball and hockey games tomorrow night. Support your team . . . College Boards tomorrow!!!

Craig Graduates

At Pensacola NAS

PENSACOLA, Fla. (FHTNC) —Photographer's Mate Airman James A. Craig, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Craig, Jr., of 15 Autumn St., Agawam, was graduated from basic Photographer's Mate School at the U.S. Naval Air Technical Training Unit located at the Naval Air Station here.

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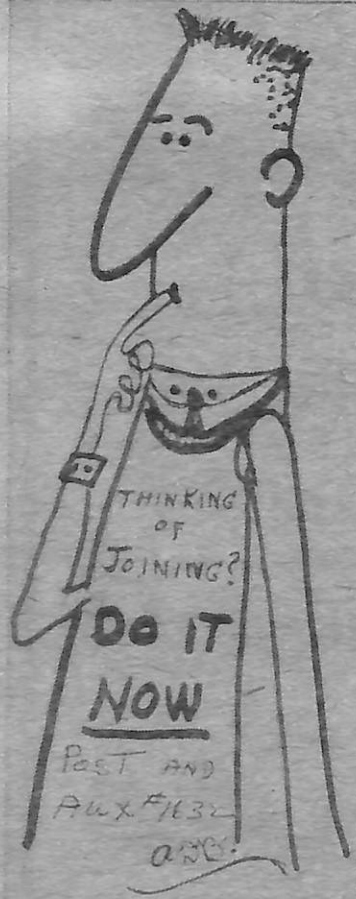
By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

FACTS AND FIGURES

We are the recipients of many "Thank You" letters from the hospitals that we service and from the Agawam Clearing House, whose letter read in part: "The Holidays of many adults and shut-ins from Agawam were brightened this year through the generous response to our request for help with our Thanksgiving and Christmas projects. We, at the Agawam Clearing House, wish to extend our thanks to you for helping to make these projects a success." We of V.F.W. #1632 are happy just knowing that a person was made happy because of us.

During 1967 Auxiliary members spent over 8,800 volunteer hours and collected \$17,000. for various charitable drives. In REHABILITATION and COMMUNITY SERVICE, they spent \$75,000 on community projects, family aid, cheer to the sick and aged and sympathy to the bereaved.

In YOUTH ACTIVITIES, members of 106 Auxiliaries spent 92,000 hours and \$36,476.00 on projects devoted to young people. More than 67,800 children participated in Auxiliary sponsored or assisted activities such as scouts, supervised parties, sporting events, etc. OUR President Venetta Snyder devotes hour after hour to the boys and girls in the Scouts and other members devote time to collecting for Charitable Drives. Remember that the "Heart Fund Sunday" will soon be here.



MEMBERSHIP—JOIN NOW

Are you thinking of joining? Do it now at the beginning of the year—Get in on all the happenings of the V. F. W. HELP us with our quota and join NOW. QM Bissonnette received a letter from Commander Edgar L. George and Department Q. M. William E. McCarthy praising his work and attitude as QM of #1632. Advising him to keep up the good work, they wished much success in the new year. In order to achieve that — send in your dues.

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THOUGHT OF THE YEAR

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It's not so much how much you see as what you learn from WHAT you see.

It's not so much how much you learn as WHAT you do.

With WHAT you learn from what you SEE as you go, WHEREVER you go.

Mel Wheatley

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harpin of 193 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary Jan. 7th, during a visit to Hotel Taft in New York City.

Kathy Adelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adelman of 87 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam, celebrated her third birthday yesterday at a family birthday party. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dickinson of Western Dr., Agawam.



Mario Sakellis, executive director at the Agawam YMCA announces the program for the coming week.

Jr. High Dance

A Junior high dance will be held this Friday evening at the South Street School from 7:30 to 10. This is a regular dance for grades 7 and 8 only. School clothes must be worn . . . ties and jackets for boys.

Movies Saturday

There will be movies starting this Saturday afternoon, Jan. 6th, to be held in the "Y" Activities Room at 2. This week's movie will be "Apache Chief." Also there will be a weekly serial of "Burn-um-up Barnes" a thriller on racing cars. These movies are open to boys and girls in grade school.

Little Fellas & Gals

Saturday, Jan. 6th will be the first Saturday of the grade school boys and girls gym program at the Agawam High School gymnasium.

Mr. Raymond Weiner will be the instructor for this program. He will be assisted by Carmino Biagini and Nancy Hayes. Also a group of about 8-10 high school boys and girls will be held as Junior leaders in the program.

Parents are asked to sign up at the YMCA office in advance.

For further information on above events call the "Y" office, 733-9676.

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The average housewife washes approximately 12 pounds of clothes each time she loads up her washing machine. Standard Industrial Uniform Service, Inc., one of the area's major commercial laundries, washes some 600 pounds of dirty clothes in one king-size load. At the same time, 165 pounds of synthetic garments are being dry cleaned in 30 minutes, and 200 shirts are being pressed each hour, all of which would keep the average man in clean suits and shirts for a whole year.

Industrial laundering has become big business, with an annual volume in excess of \$600 million. Standard Industrial Uniform, from its new plant at 350 Walnut St., Agawam, rents and processes work clothing, shop towels and dust control items for 5000 companies in a five-state area.

Customers receive freshly-laundered garments and towels on a regular basis, usually once or twice a week. Dirty items are

picked up at the same time and brought to the plant where they are sorted, depending on whether they are to be washed in water or dry cleaned. Standard maintains both a laundering and dry cleaning operation as well as facilities for pressing, folding, mending and assembly.

Standard Industrial Uniform Service was started in Boston in 1934 and now has plants in Boston and Pawtucket as well as Agawam. The local operation, which employs 60 people, was started in Hartford with three employees in 1958 and moved to Springfield in 1962. George H. Anbinder is Vice-President in charge of the Springfield subsidiary, and Robert Bonfitto is general manager.

One of Standard's departments will rent out and frequently rotate rugs and mops that have been chemically treated to attract dust and dirt, thereby keeping floors and furniture cleaner in offices and stores.

TAX FACTS IF REFUND DUE

Taxpayers who will file 1967 Federal income tax returns this year with refund due, should send them direct to the Internal Revenue Service Center, 310 Lowell St., Andover, Mass., 01812.

Direct filing of these returns eliminates the double handling necessary when the returns are filed with a district office.

Envelopes for this purpose will be provided in the tax form packages which will be sent to taxpayers at the end of the year.

A pre-addressed label showing the taxpayer's name, address and Social Security number is included with your tax package. Use of this label further expedites processing of your refund return. Before you attach it to your tax form, check to see that all information is correct. If not, make the necessary corrections.

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